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In Re Application of

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For: DEVICE FOR BRAKING A MOTOR SHAFT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 9-17 in lieu thereof.

--9. (New) A device for braking a motor shaft, which motor shaft is optionally contained within a housing, comprising a brake band that at least partially surrounds an area of the motor shaft, and at least one guide component that cooperates with the brake band and holds the brake band in its axial position, wherein the brake band comprises at least one projection formed as one piece with the brake band.

10. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the motor shaft is present in a chain saw.

11. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the at least one projection is a bulge of the brake band.

12. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the outside diameter of the projections is greater than the sum of the outside diameter of a loop formed by the brake band plus the radial work path of the loop.

13. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the guide component is attached to the housing of the motor shaft.

14. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the guide component is formed in one piece with the housing.

15. (New) The device of claim 9, wherein the housing comprises at least one radial recess for receiving the projections.

16. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein the recess is formed by two guide components.

17. (New) The device of claim 15, wherein the recess is formed in the housing by counterdipping in a die-casting tool.--

REMARKS

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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